

April 3, 2000

Coal Regulatory Program
Attn.: Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE:

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

It has come to my attention that Canyon Fuel Company, LLC (CFC) still has an exploration bond posted for the Dugout Canyon Mine. As I recall, this bond (number 14-000-068-0008) was originally posted in the amount of \$30,000 for the exploration of the existing Dugout Canyon Mine workings. Following completion of that project, the bond was transferred to be posted for reclamation of the coal exploration drill hole program at Dugout Canyon Mine that occurred in 1998 and 1999. Since the drilling program has been completed and the drill sites have been reclaimed, CFC is requesting this bond be released by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. CFC does not intend to drill exploration holes in the Dugout Canyon Mine area this year.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (435) 448-2669.

Sincerely:

Chris D. Hansen

Environmental Coordinator

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

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